



## Frances Isabel Simmons

May 24, 1939 - January 7, 2023

Isabel (Issy) Looney Simmons age 83, passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on Saturday, January 7, 2023 after a short battle with cancer. Born on May 24, 1939 in Bluefield, WV, she was the daughter of the late William Harold and Clara Belle Honaker Looney.

Issy was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she held several offices in Women in Ministry. She was a 1957 graduate of Beaver High School, and enjoyed being an active member of her class reunion committee. She graduated from McLains Business College.

While raising four children, she worked for Mercer County Schools as secretary at Whitethorn Elementary School for 45 years. Issy was an avid bridge player and enjoyed family trips with her children and grandchildren. She was fiercely independent and did her own yardwork until months before her death. She was loved by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years Daniel (Danny) Simmons, an infant daughter and daughter Chris Simmons Presley. Left to cherish Issy's memory include her children: Daniel T. Simmons, Jr. (Chrissie), Susan Simmons Van Hoose (Greg), and Tracy Simmons Freund (Drew), son-in-law David Presley. Grandchildren: Amber Martinez (Randy), Jeremy Simmons, Brittany Freund (Lucas Gray), Justin Freund, Will Van Hoose (Adriana), Rebecca Van Hoose, Sarah Van Hoose. Great-Grandchildren: Julien Simmons, Isabella Granderson, Roman Simmons, Gracey Simmons, Claire Martinez, Georgia Martinez, Emilia Gray,

and Alyssa Gray, brother Bill Looney (Jonna), brother-in-law Chip Simmons (Georgann), sister-in-law Ann Simmons and a host of extended family. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to either Bluefield Union Mission or the Wade Center.

Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 14th, 2023 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, WV at 1:00 pm. Family will receive visitors from 11:30 am - 1 pm before the service.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence message with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Isabel (Issy) Looney Simmons.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Celebration of Life

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Isabel Simmons*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sheril Hendrickson sent a virtual gift in memory of Frances Isabel Simmons*



Sheril Hendrickson - February 23, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *My wife Sharon and I were so sorry to learn of Issy's passing. Please accept our condolences and know that we will pray that all of her loved ones will find comfort at this sad time.*

*Paul (Sonny) Taylor (Paul and Leona's son)*

Paul G. Taylor - January 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM

LS

“ *Issy was the kindest, sweetest and brightest (most knowledgeable) secretary that I have ever known in my 42 years of teaching. She was heavenly sent and a people person. She was always gentle and kind. She loved the children at Whitethorn Elementary (where she was secretary for years). In fact, we called each other Sisters because of the last name (Simmons). Issy helped me in so many ways. I could go on and on about this lovely lady. She will be sadly missed.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
The Thomas E. Simmons Family  
(Thomas, Louise, Lamont & Mone'y)*

*Louise J. Simmons*

*January 14, 2023*

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**Louise J. Simmons** - January 14, 2023 at 06:36 PM

DS

“ *My aunt Isabel was a lovely person that loved life and inspired everyone. We were able to spend some time together while I was visiting my father. When dad moved moved back to Bluefield he bought a place only a few houses away from Isabel and Danny. It was a blessed time as we were all able to get to know each other better as adults. May she rest in peace as God comforts her family and all who grieve for our loss.*

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**David Simmons** - January 14, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Isabel Simmons.*



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January 13, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Prayers for your family. What a special lady who treated my children and all the Whitethorn children with tender care and respect. Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.  
Caroline (Lilly) Nuckolls.*

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**Caroline Homes (Lilly) Nuckolls** - January 12, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Mrs. Simmons was a constant in my youth, from Whitethorn and as “Tracy’s Mom.” She drove us around for years! She was always kind and helpful. She will be missed! May she rest in peace 🙏.*

*Terri (Rounion) Davies*

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**Terri Davies** - January 11, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *I remember Issy as being quiet and sweet. She was always there to show support and love to members of the family whenever needed. I had a lot of respect and admiration for her. My love and blessings to her family.*

*Phyllis (Honey) Taylor*

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**Phyllis Taylor** - January 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CM

“ Sweet Ms Issy! I sure enjoyed talking to you recently. So many Whitethorn families sure loved you. The children thought you were awesome, too. RIP dear lady. Peace to all your loved ones.

Cindy Romano McGraw - January 11, 2023 at 09:50 AM

EB

“ Never was there not a beautiful smile followed by a sweet hello from Ms. Simmons. She was a very sweet lady who was loved by all. Thoughts and Prayers. Eva Brown

Eva A. Brown - January 11, 2023 at 06:00 AM

SA

“ Issy Simmons was the first person I met in Bluefield. I recently moved to Bluefield and took my daughters, Meghan and Kristen to Whitethorn to register for school. She has been a part of our family ever since. We love you and will miss you so much. Susan Allen

Susan Allen - January 10, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Frances Isabel Simmons.



January 10, 2023 at 08:50 PM